



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In re application of:</b>	Enric Musoll	<b>Examiner:</b>	John Gianola
<b>Docket:</b>	MIPS.0181-00-US	<b>Art Unit:</b>	2135
<b>Customer No.:</b>	23669		
<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/935446		
<b>Filing Date:</b>	8/22/2001		
<b>Title:</b>	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING CHARACTERISTICS OF INCOMING DATA PACKETS TO ENABLE SPECULATIVE PROCESSING TO REDUCE PROCESSOR LATENCY		

**AMENDMENT A**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

In response to the Office action of December 8, 2004, with a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on March 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition for extension of time (three months) is attached hereto which if granted will extend the period of response to June 8, 2005.